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SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF STEELWORKS 80

REF: A. STATE 148922; B. STOCKHOLM A-130

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A INSTRUCTIONS, WE SENT LETTER DATED JUNE 30 TO NJA REQUESTING SPECIFICS ON PROCUREMENT PLANS, ESTIMATED DATE OF BID PROPOSALS, CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE, FINANCING, ETC. SWEDISH VACATION SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, HAS DELAYED RESPONSE FROM NJA. WE WILL RESPOND TO REFERENCED INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. WE CANNOT DEFINITELY ASSESS ADVISABILITY OF US FIRMS TEAMING WITH EUROPEAN PARTNERS. ABILITY OF NEARBY EUROPEAN FIRMS TO SERVICE EQUIPMENT ON SHORT NOTICE AND POTENTIAL NJA PRE-DISPOSITION TO DEAL WITH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF THEIR IMPORTANCE AS A STEEL MARKET SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THIS REGARD. WE BELIEVE US FIRMS SHOULD LOOK INTO PROS AND CONS OF TEAMING WITH EUROPEAN FIRMS. OF BASIC IMPORTANCE IS THE LIKELIHOOD THAT NJA, FOR COMPETITIVE REASONS, WILL SEEK TO OBTAIN ADVANCED EQUIPMENT AT LOWEST COST.

3. NJA PROJECT IN RECENT WEEKS HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND BY ECONOMISTS WHO DOUBT ECONOMICS OF A LARGE STEEL PLANT IN AN AREA SO FAR NORTH OF MARKET CENTERS. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH PROJECTED PLANT, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO BE FIRM.

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